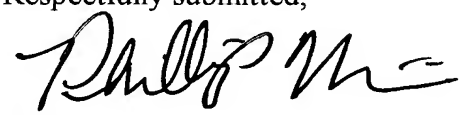
REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, the specification is amended to add the continuity data. Prompt and favorable examination in due course are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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